DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND I—Excise Department.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 2,500 under Demand I—Excise Department for the purchase of country cots for the Excise subordinates working in the malaria tracts of Devicolam and Kottayam.

There has been a virulent attack of malaria in some of the regions within the Kottayam Excise division and the Devicolam range. Certain remedial measures were taken to protect the subordinates of the department from the ravages of the disease. Quinine was given and spraying operations were conducted to relieve to some extent the sufferings of the people. Mosquito-nets were also supplied. It has been found however that the lack of cots for these men to sleep on has aggravated the seriousneses of the disease because they have to sleep on damp floors. It is therefore proposed to provide country cots for the subordinates of the department and for that purpose this demand for Rs. 2,500 is being made. I request the House to vote the Demand.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 2,500 under Demand I—Excise Department, was put to vote and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND II—Electricity & Telephone.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 4,300 under Demand II—Electricity and Telephone.

Towards the close of last year, the Electrical Engineer to Government on special duty was given an extension of three months to continue the work for which he was put on special duty. Because it was thought that his work will be completed within three months it was not considered necessary to have any special allotment to meet his travelling allowances and contingencies to his staff. On the expiry of three months it was found that his period on special duty should be extended by a period of another 6 months, that period beginning from October. Since funds provided in the Electricity Budget under this head were not sufficient to meet the T. A. and the contingencies to his staff, this amount of Rs. 4,300 is now asked for. I request the House to vote the Demand.

Mr. Paul A. Thallath: ആ സ്റ്റെഷ്യൽ ജോലിയുടെ വിവരങ്ങൾ എന്തെല്ലാം എന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

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Mr. C. Kumara Das: Mr. Menon has been placed on special duty to prepare report and to investigate certain industrial questions in regard to post-war reconstruction. He was sent on deputation to America and England before he was appointed on special duty. He met several people and firms of importance and high standing connected with industrial matters to explore the possibilities of increasing the electrical facilities to the State, and the development of industries. That special work has not been completed yet.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 4,300 under Demand II—Electricity and Telephone was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND IV—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION EXCLUDING FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, LEGISLATIVE BODIES & LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 900 under Demand IV—General Administration excluding Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office, Legislative Bodies and Local Fund Audit Department.

This sum of Rs. 900 is required partly towards the T. A. and partly towards the enhanced honorarium for the T. C. S. Probationers that are undergoing training now. The T. C. S. Probationers had an honorarium of only Rs. 75 each fixed so far back as 1114. When there was the revision of pay of officers, the honorarium of the T. C. S. Probationers had not been taken up. The idea originally was as soon as the probationery period, namely two years in the first instance, which later on happened to be extended to 3 years for the purpose of giving intensive varied training was over and at the end of the 3 years period on the passing of the prescribed tests and examinations, they would be absorbed permanently in the grade starting on a minimum pay of Rs. 150. Thus they would have a special pay of Rs. 200 to 500 later on with efficiency bar in three stages. Therefore, the honorarium of the Probationers was fixed at Rs. 75 and later on during the pay revision, it rose from Rs. 200 to Rs. 500. The present running scale of the T. C. S. Probationers when absorbed in the service will be Rs. 200 to Rs. 500 with efficiency bar at three stages. So it was thought by Government that the honorarium ought to be raised to half that amount namely Rs. 100. That was done with effect from 1st Chingam 1121 and for that a sum of Rs. 550 is required additionally.

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